

# Webster Parish



*“Over the years, it has become clear that individual health is closely linked to community health—the health of the community and environment in which individuals live, work, and play. Likewise, community health is profoundly affected by the collective beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors of everyone who lives in the community”*

**Healthy People 2010**

## Parish Health Profiles 2005 — Your Parish at a Glance

	Webster	Louisiana	U.S.	HP 2010
<b>ECONOMICS, 2000</b>				
% All persons in poverty	20.2%	19.6%	12.4%	--
% Children under 18 in poverty	29.9%	26.6%	16.6%	--
% Unemployed 16 and over	8.1%	7.3%	5.8%	--
<b>EDUCATION 2002-2003</b>				
School Expenditure per Student	\$6,273	\$6,906	--	--
Student Attendance (average daily attendance as a % of the average number of students enrolled)	94.5%	93.5%	--	--
% High School Drop Outs (as a % of incoming 9th grade)	5.0%	7.0%	--	--
<b>MOTHERS AND CHILDREN, 2002</b>				
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 births)	14.3	10.2	7.0	4.5
% Receiving prenatal care within first 3 months	88.5%	83.8%	83.7%	90.0%
% Receiving adequate prenatal care (modified Kessner)	84.0%	78.9%	76.2%	--
% Low birth weight	12.7%	10.5%	7.7%	5.0%
% Births to teens ages 15 - 19	17.0%	15.5%	10.6%	--
% Children fully immunized by 2 years old	--	69.8%	78.5%	90.0%
<b>INFECTIOUS DISEASES, 2003 (new cases - rate per 100,000 population)</b>				
Syphilis (primary and secondary)	--	4.1	2.5	0.2
Early Syphilis (primary, secondary and early latent)	0.0	8.6	5.4	--
Chlamydia	439.9	469.8	304.3	3.0
Gonorrhea	234.3	265.6	116.2	19.0
Tuberculosis	13.6*	5.8	5.1	1.0
<b>STATEWIDE LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH, 2002 (death rate per 100,000 population)</b>				
Heart	386.2	248.4	241.7	166.0
Cancer	274.2	209.7	193.2	159.9
Cerebrovascular Disease	73.9	57.4	56.4	48.0
Accidents	**	46.7	37.0	17.5
Diabetes	**	39.5	25.4	45.0
Chronic Lower Respiratory	**	37.8	43.3	--
<b>COMMUNITY SAFETY, 2003</b>				
Validated cases of child abuse/neglect (rate per 1,000 population)	12.5	10.9	12.4	10.3
Deaths caused by motor vehicle crashes (rate per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled)	1.6	2.1	1.5	0.8
<b>HEALTH BEHAVIORS, 2004</b>				
	<b>Region 7</b>	<b>Louisiana</b>	<b>U.S.</b>	<b>HP 2010</b>
% Current cigarette smokers (adults 18+)	22.0%	23.5%	21.0%	12.0%
% Obese - BMI > 30 (adults 20+)	27.7%	27.0%	31.1%	15.0%
% Having a mammogram within 2 years (women 40+)	70.8%	74.3%	74.6%	70.0%
% Having a pap smear within 3 years (women 18+)	82.7%	85.2%	85.9%	90.0%
% Having a flu shot in past year (adults 65+)	68.3%	68.6%	67.9%	90.0%

### Data Sources:

Economics: U.S. Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF 3) - Sample Data, 2000

Education: Louisiana Department of Education District-reported data submitted to the Student Information System (SIS) end-of-year (EOY) report and Profile of Educational Personnel (PEP) System. Office of Management and Finance, Division of Planning, Analysis and Information Resources. District Composite Report 2003-2004.

Mothers and Children: DHH/OPH, Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics, 2004 Louisiana Health Report Card and National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 53, No. 15, February 2005

Infectious Diseases: DHH/OPH, Sexually Transmitted Disease Program. 2004 and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "Trends in Reportable Sexually Transmitted Disease in the United States, 2003". NA= Rate not available, # of cases is less than 5

Leading Causes of Death: DHH/OPH, Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics, 2004 Louisiana Health Report Card and National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 53, No. 15, February 2005 (\*\*Rates for counts less than 20 are unreliable and are not reported)

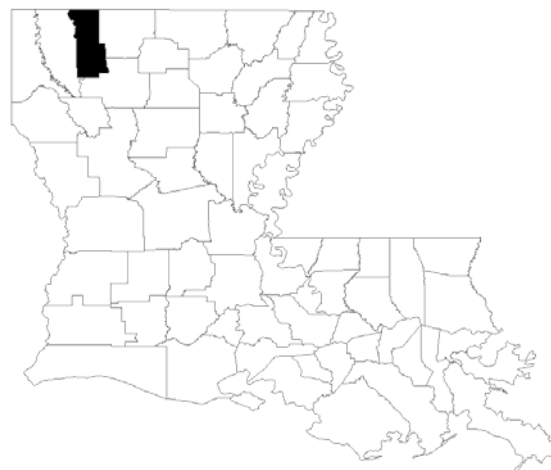
Community Safety: Child Abuse--Louisiana Department of Social Services, Office of Community Services, prepared by Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana and Motor Vehicle Deaths--EMS/Injury Research & Prevention Program

Healthy Behaviors: DHH/OPH, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), 2004

**History<sup>1, 2</sup>**

Webster parish, established on February 27, 1871, was named after the great American Orator, Daniel Webster. It is located in the beautiful rolling hill country of northwest Louisiana.

Webster Parish boasts superb hunting and fishing in beautiful Lake Bistineau, Caney Lakes and Kisatchie Forest. Minden, the Parish seat, is a historic town where old brick streets still lead down Main Street. The Historic Residential District includes both antebellum and Victorian homes. Seven miles north of Minden is the site of Germantown Colony Museum, a communal village settled in 1835. The colony is open to the public Wednesday through Sunday.



**Parish Seat<sup>3</sup>** ..... Minden

**Major Cities** (population over 5,000)

- Minden
- Springhill

**Parish Population<sup>4</sup>**

2000.....	41,831
2003 (estimate) .....	41,404
2000 Population by Race	
White.....	65.5%
African-American .....	35.5%
Some other race.....	1.7%
Hispanic of Latino (of any race) .....	0.9%
2000 Population by Age	
Under 5 years .....	6.5%
5-14 .....	14.3%
15-17 .....	4.8%
18-19 .....	2.8%
20-24 .....	5.7%
25-64 .....	49.6%
65 & over .....	16.3%

**Geography and Statistics<sup>5</sup>**

Average elevation .....	259ft.
Land area in square miles .....	595
Water area in square miles .....	19.2

**Climate**

## Average temperatures

Annual .....	64°
January .....	54°
July .....	92°
Annual average rainfall .....	51 inches

**Labor Force (2001)<sup>6</sup>**

## Webster Parish

Civilian.....	17,887
Employed .....	16,462
Unemployed.....	1,425
Unemployment.....	8%

## Louisiana

Civilian.....	2,055,000
Employed .....	1,956,500
Unemployed.....	98,500
Unemployment Rate .....	4.8%

**Colleges/Universities** (within one hour commute)

- Bossier Parish Community
- Grambling State University
- Centenary College
- Louisiana State University and A&M College, Shreveport
- Southern University and A&M College, Shreveport
- Louisiana Tech University

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<<http://www.crt.state.la.us/crt/tourism/>>.
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5. U.S. Census Bureau: State and County QuickFacts <<http://www.census.gov>>.
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<[http://www.ldol.state.la.us/forms/lmi/CLF\\_Parishes\\_2000-Present.xls](http://www.ldol.state.la.us/forms/lmi/CLF_Parishes_2000-Present.xls)>.